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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Southeast winds; intermittent rain.  
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## BRITISH ORDER CEASE-FIRE IN JAFFA

### S'hai To Pay Income Tax

Shanghai, Apr. 30.—An income tax on wage earners, as well as Government officials, will be collected as of this month, according to the Bureau of Finance.  
 The tax rate will be an overall one per cent to be collected from monthly incomes ranging from CN\$8 \$52 million.  
 A graduated scale of higher rates will be applied to incomes in excess of CN\$52 million, but details have not yet been revealed by the Bureau.—Reuter.

### OPERATION NANNY

San Francisco, Apr. 29.—"Operation Nanny" gets under way at the army port of embarkation here today with beginning of the programme to ship Japan 2,000 goats to help rehabilitate war ravaged Nipponese dairy herds.

The first shipment of 285 goats will be loaded aboard the ss "Flying Scud" and every 15 days thereafter will make similar shipments until the operation is completed.

Also, 50 dairy cows will be sent some time during the operation.

The animals will be housed in temporary stalls on the decks of the freighter and cared for by five volunteer herdsmen.

The shipment is sponsored by the Brethren's Service Committee of the World Church Service.—United Press.

### NEGRO SLAYS POLICE CHIEF

Adairville, Kentucky, Apr. 29.—A negro shot dead the chief of police, 40-year-old Rufus Barrow, here today and, taking up a position near the body, defied arrest for over an hour.

He was finally caught when another negro slipped up behind him, overpowered and disarmed him.

The man, who had been found insane, was being taken on a bus to take him to an institution when he shot the police officer.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

#### Chiang's Right-Hand Man

TO all but the most extreme Kuomintang party man, the election of General Li Tsung-jen to the vice-presidency of China will give pleasure and satisfaction. The result of the election is a palpable victory for the Progressives who, in General Li, have a worthy champion. The proceedings associated with the election of the first vice-President under the new constitution cannot be said to have been particularly impressive. Despite original assurances that voting would be free, the KMT could not resist exerting its pressure on delegates which very nearly achieved its purpose of forcing General Li to retire from the contest. Only the personal intervention of the Generalissimo saved the election from becoming an engineered farce. The incident also served to underscore the dominating influence which Chiang Kai-shek is in a position to employ—an influence which resides as much in his personality as in the powers delegated to him as President of the nation. General Li has been described as the people's choice for China's No. 2 executive position because of his firmly stated progressive ideals. Li demands the elimination of corruption and inefficiency from the Government by doing away with personal favoritism, the admission of talented administrators into the Government irrespective of their party affiliations, political education for the people, together with freedom of speech, Press, association and academic research. His fundamental solution to the country's financial and economic problems is increased industrial and agricultural production, and

so far as the Nationalist argues are concerned he sees the urgent need for stricter enforcement of discipline, elevation of the morale of the troops, adequate arming of the rank and file soldier and a higher standard of leadership in the field. General Li Tsung-jen now becomes Chiang Kai-shek's right hand man and whether or not the National Government can pull the country out of its present distress depends to no small degree on the manner in which these two powerful personalities can work together. Li is an avowed reformist who has publicly declared that party affiliations must be subordinated to the interests of the State—a challenge to the Kuomintang hierarchy calculated to make him some enemies. If he is to be allowed to push through all or any of his reform programme, Li will require the personal backing of the Generalissimo, for there are jealous groups of self-interested men who will do anything to thwart reforms likely to deprive them of influence and power. The country certainly needs two strong men at the head of affairs. And if Chiang and Li can work together with a single purpose, they are the two personalities most likely to save China. General Li once said "Co-ordination and co-operation among various government branches must be encouraged. Once intellectual and material resources are pooled together, for use by all with one single aim in view, no fear of friction and frustration need be entertained." This, too, holds good for the relations between the nation's chief executive and his aide.

## Jews Accept An 18-Hour Truce TEL-AVIV QUIET

Jerusalem, Apr. 29.—The British Military Commander in Jaffa tonight ordered a cease-fire in the Jewish-Arab battle for the town after a warning to the Jewish Agency by the Palestine Government.  
 After British rocket-firing Spitfires had put on a demonstration over Jaffa today, the Jewish Irgun-Haganah forces ceased fire and accepted an 18-hour truce, it was stated officially here tonight.  
 The Jewish forces withdrew into the Arab Manshih quarter separating Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, along the waterfront. The British Commissioner in Tel-Aviv sat in on the truce talks, which brought the four-day Jewish attack on the Arab city to a temporary end.

The Jews, at Arab insistence, fixed their lines for the duration of the truce to the present positions held in the Arab Manshih quarter, the waterfront battleground.

Tonight, a Reuter despatch from Tel-Aviv said all was quiet.

Earlier in the day, the Arabs made some gains, retaking territory occupied by Haganah forces yesterday in Tel-Aviv, southeast of Jaffa. Irgun troops opened up on Jewish forces attacking Jaffa today, while British troops with tanks and Bren gun carriers took up positions around the town's central railway station.

**ARTILLERY OPENS UP**  
 At nine o'clock this morning—as the battle entered its fourth day—British artillery, deployed near the railway station, shelled the Jewish positions, a Reuter despatch from Tel-Aviv reported.

Police headquarters in Jerusalem, reporting that British troops were in position around the station, said the Jewish front line in this area extended 200 yards south of the Manshih police station, in the No Man's Land between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv.

The Jews took up their present positions last night after house-to-house fighting in the Arab Manshih quarter, near the coast. Neither Arab nor Jewish authorities in Jerusalem have yet received details of the "cease fire" plan for the Old City reported to have agreed on by the representatives of both sides at Lake Success.

migration now blocks an Arab-Jewish agreement on a 14-point truce plan for all of Palestine.

This followed the Arab-Jewish agreement last night at Lake Success to call on their respective parent bodies in Palestine for simultaneous commands to their forces to cease fire in and on the Old City of Jerusalem.

A communique issued in Damascus by the Arab General Headquarters tonight said: "Our forces shelled the colony of Mickla Israel, on the southern Jaffa border. Our artillery also bombarded Tel-Aviv with several incendiary shells."

"The enemy suffered heavy losses, but so far these are not known exactly. The battle continues fiercely on the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv border, where the Jaffa garrison is resisting. Repeated enemy attacks in this sector were repulsed and some occupied positions were retaken."—Reuter.

### NEW ARAB OPPOSITION

Lake Success, Apr. 29.—Arabs opposed the idea of sending foreign troops under the United Nations flag to protect Jerusalem. This virtually killed efforts here to create an international police force for the city.

Jewish representatives said "we definitely agree" to establishment of such a force.

Jamal Hussaini, vice chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, told the UN Trusteeship Council, "We object to foreign troops being sent to Jerusalem." He said Arabs see no difference between foreign soldiers and foreign civilian volunteer police.

Roger Garreau, of France, sponsor of the plan to recruit 1,000 volunteers for the UN force, indicated he might withdraw later. He said both Arabs and Jews must co-operate if the plan works out.

Hussaini's stand caused wide speculation here over the fate of the UN cease fire agreement for the old walled city of Jerusalem. The Arabs have accepted the truce for the old city only. The Jewish Agency for Palestine representative here, Moshe Shertok, said he still was awaiting for the Agency to confirm the limited truce to which he agreed today.

A Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem said any truce inside the walled area will have to mean access to it through Arab controlled sections.

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Elsewhere in the second UN Special Assembly on Palestine: 1.—Philip C. Jessup, United States, asked the Assembly's Political Committee to approve quickly the UN Trusteeship scheme for Palestine. He also declared the US is standing on that plan. He thus threw down the gauntlet to the Arab side.

2.—In the first concrete talk on trusteeship from the Arab side, Iraq suggested to the Political Committee that any Palestine trusteeship be limited to one or two years and that the question of Jewish immigration be held up until trusteeship ends.

3.—The Political Committee of the Assembly decided to begin on Friday point by point discussion of the US plan for trusteeship.

4.—The UN Truce Commission in Palestine, the Jerusalem Councils of the US, France and Belgium, advised the Security Council it has not been able to arrange a meeting between Arabs and Jews to consider an end to fighting in Palestine. It was understood the Commission had reported the Arabs refused to sit down with the Jews.—Associated Press.

## GASOLINE EXPLODES



Flames and smoke erupt in a spectacular mushroom column as an explosion of 10,000 gallons of gasoline spreads fire which menaced the town of Tolleson, Ariz. Twenty-eight persons suffered minor burns. An oil plant, grocery and service station were destroyed. The picture was taken by a high school photographic instructor who happened upon the scene.—AP Wirephoto.

## Truman Sponsors Military Lend-Lease For Europe

Washington, Apr. 29.—Informed circles today said that President Truman would send a special message to Congress next week, asking limited shipments of American guns, tanks and planes for the 16 Marshall Plan nations, including the five nations which signed the "Western Union" European defence pact.

The United Press was informed that President Truman would ask Congress to endorse a limited Lend-Lease programme for the armed forces of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The contents of the message were a closely-guarded administration secret and its provisions are known only to a few top-level officials.

Barring a last-minute hitch, it will be sent to Congress on Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Truman had first planned to send it to the Capitol tomorrow, but his aides were unable to complete the final draft in time.

The Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) yesterday told a news conference that the project of sending American armaments to bolster the Western European alliance was under active study.

The chiefs of the armed forces were also reported to be involved in planning the programme.

It was made clear that the White House was speeding up the plan mainly because Congress planned to adjourn about June 15 for the summer.

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national political conventions and not because of any new developments in the international scene. If Congress quits as scheduled, it will have six weeks to act on Mr. Truman's request.

The administration was reported as convinced that any delay would make action this year almost impossible. Earlier, it had been expected that the European bloc would be asked to prepare a "balance sheet" of needs in much the same manner as in the European Recovery Programme, which the

## CBS RE-NAMED KING GEORGE V SCHOOL

### Announcement By Governor At Prize-Giving

A secret which has been closely guarded concerning the Central British School was divulged by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at the prize-giving this morning when he announced that His Majesty the King had been graciously pleased to permit the school, to be named the King George the Fifth School after his illustrious and beloved father.

"It is a very signal honour," said Sir Alexander, "and I know that the School will be worthy of it because the Central British School has established a tradition—a tradition that it will now hand over to its successor the King George the Fifth School. I think that the honour is so signal that it deserves a celebration and going back to my schoolboy days I can think of no other better celebration than an extra holiday. I hope you, Sir, will agree with all of us and grant it."

Prolonged applause greeted the announcement.  
 Lady Grantham distributed the scholarships, certificates and prizes and later was presented with a bouquet of flowers by one of the junior girls, Patricia Anderson. Also on the dais were Mr. M. G. O'Connor (Acting Director of Education) and Mr. G. P. Ferguson (Principal of the CBS). A splendid programme of entertainment was provided by some of the students.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal (Mr. G. P. Ferguson), presenting his report, said:  
 Your Excellency, Lady Grantham, Mr. O'Connor, ladies and gentlemen.—We are honoured indeed to have you Sir, and Lady Grantham with us today, and, as Principal of this school and on behalf of the staff and pupils I welcome you and thank you for the honour you have done us. Today is for us an historic landmark for two reasons. Firstly, this ceremony renews an annual and important function of our school life interrupted by the war. Let us hope and pray that this may mark the beginning of a very long and unbroken series of such events. Secondly, as I believe your Excellency will recall to us shortly, the school is to receive a most signal honour and one which I firmly believe will make each and every one of us even more determined to make ourselves worthy of this high honour and to see to it that we, who are fortunate enough to be members of this school, shall participate in a new and more glorious era. More than this I cannot at the moment, say, but after His Excellency has spoken to us, I feel certain that you will wholeheartedly agree with these sentiments. For myself I can only say that it fulfils one of my most cherished ambitions.

### ASSET TO COLONY

In the past the Central British School has proved a most valuable and important asset to the life of this Colony. It has satisfactorily fulfilled the task of providing a sound Secondary or Grammar School education for the English speaking children. Many of its former pupils now hold high positions in every walk of life and we are justly proud of them. Many of them gave their all in the defence of right and freedom during the recent holocaust. Then we shall always remember with joy and gratitude. It is only right that I should speak of them today. May their example remain ever before us as a guide to our future conduct should our country need us.

### BUILDING & EQUIPMENT

During the war years this building was used continuously as a hospital and as a result of enemy occupation all our equipment was lost. Now most of this has been renewed though there are still a few gaps to be filled. Apart from what might be described as routine rehabilitation it is my ambition one day to have our own swimming bath, but perhaps I am over-ambitious.

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## WOMANSENSE

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BONNET

Joining the spring parade is this bonnet. It is made of rippled brim black organdie in four layers, with a stand-up "bat's-wing" trimming.

DRESSING UP THE  
BATHROOM

By ELEANOR ROSS

AVAILABLE now are beautiful accessories designed to bring more beauty and utility to the bathroom, accessories so handsome that they offer a good solution for a shower gift, or even a wedding present. For what bride would not be grateful for a set of frosted lucite accessories, both handsome and practical?

One set includes a translucent hamper, a waste basket, a powder box and a catch-all box for pins, hairpins and such. And again where there is a bride who would not rejoice in one of those vanity tub trays, the ultimate in luxury,

to our way of thinking? In one shop we admired a special super duper version of this bath accessory. It has a shelf with a built-in ashtray and soap dish, a vanity compartment for pedicure pieces, brush and comb, creams and other cosmetics, and, for a prize package, two clips in the mirrored lid to hold newspaper, book or magazine to make reading in the bath as popular as reading in bed.

If you are out for a new bathroom scale, which is also a useful gift, there's an old favourite with a long overdue improvement. It has a magnifying glass over the dial, a boon for the nearsighted or very tall.

For those building or remodeling, there is a line of baked earthenware fixtures, designed to replace cast iron.

When it comes to dressing up the old bathroom, colour proves a valuable standby, as always. Towels were never so handsome as they are this Spring, made so by the use of clear, rich colours. There are towels in bright red, flamingo and deep sapphire blue for those weary of white or pastels. There are towels in a lovely pearl grey, which goes beautifully with pink or yellow. Handsome, too, is a line of embossed, paisley-patterned towels with matching tub mats. Also new, is a washable, deep-piled bathroom rug that has latex sprayed on the back to prevent skidding.

As for plastic shower and window curtain sets, these are handsomer than ever. One line has matched yardage to go with the plastic shower curtain so that one can run up window curtains to a specific design and add vanity table skirts or upholster a bench to match.

## Symptoms of St. Vitus Dance

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

CHOREA or St. Vitus dance is one of the mysterious ailments of the nervous system which seems to attack children almost exclusively.

Starting with restlessness and the inability to sit still, it usually goes on until it has the child twitching and jerking almost constantly. These spasms or contractions of the muscles are entirely out of the child's control and may become so severe as to make it impossible for him to feed himself or to talk properly. It is scarcely any wonder that it often changes an obedient, happy child into one that is cross and irritable.

## Rheumatic Fever

It is believed that this disorder may come from the same cause as rheumatic fever, a condition in which there are pain and swelling in the joints, together with more or less severe heart damage. And it is true that many children who have rheumatic fever also develop chorea. It has recently been suggested, however, that in many cases chorea or St. Vitus dance occurs alone and has, in these instances, no relation to rheumatic fever.

There is a test known as the sedimentation test, which helps to tell when infections of any sort are present in the body. This test is carried out by determining how rapidly the blood cells settle out of

the blood, in a very small tube. If the child with chorea has a normal sedimentation rate and the heart is not affected, it is thought that the condition is not due to the same cause as rheumatic fever.

Over one-half of more than 100 children with chorea who were studied between 1934 and 1947 had no evidence of rheumatic infection.

## Other Signs Noted

On the other hand, when the sedimentation rate is increased in a child with chorea, active rheumatic fever is usually found to be present. Other signs of acute rheumatic fever were noted in eight out of 10 of the children who had a high sedimentation rate, and almost two-thirds of these eventually had some involvement of the heart.

It is interesting to note that those children who developed chorea without rheumatic fever suffered most severely from the emotional disturbances and changes in disposition which seem to be a part of this disorder. Willfulness, outbreaks of temper, and odd behaviour of all sorts were far more noticeable in this group than in those where chorea accompanied rheumatic fever. On the other hand, there is a greater tendency for the chorea to recur in the rheumatic group.

## Cause Unknown

Though much research on the subject has been done, we still do not know the cause either for rheumatic fever or for chorea, or the exact relationship between them. It may be that this new view of chorea as something quite apart from rheumatic fever will give medical scientists a new clue to the cause of both of these afflictions of childhood.

Chorea usually can be cleared up with such methods as the fever treatment, or the injection of typhoid vaccine to produce fever attacks. Of course, complete rest is important, and sedatives or quieting drugs also may be useful.

AUTOMATIC  
BOILER

A NEW type of automatic boiler, recently introduced, automatically regulates the intensity of the fire, fanning it up when losing heat and reducing it to only 10 percent of normal fuel consumption when the desired heat is reached.

Automatic control is obtained by a thermostat, the "brain" of the boiler which starts or stops the electric-driven fan. When "idling" a small natural draught through the aperture of a valve serves to maintain a sleeping fire.

The boiler is intended for use with small graded anthracite. The coal is contained in a fuel hopper, and falls by gravity through a fuel valve which can be opened or closed by a lever. Initial ignition of the coal in the firebox can be produced in the usual way, and when once lighted refuelling, clinkering, and all attention to the fire can be effected without the fire going out.

As the coal burns away the small amount of residue is formed into a single clinker by the high temperature produced. This clinker is easily removable by the tools provided.

The new boiler, called the Tranco, is designed specially for indirect domestic systems incorporating the use of a calorifier. A turn of the thermostat knob will ensure a constant supply of hot water for heating and other uses at the desired temperature. During the periods when the thermostat, because of increased water temperature, has stopped the fan, the fire will continue to burn at a reduced rate, obtaining its air under the influence of the normal chimney draught through a special valve built into the fan casing.

## Pompadour



The "cuff" worn with this pompadour evening gown is really a hair in matching material.

## RED RYDER



## Trick



## The Hat for Your Hairdo



A hairdo that is simple, like the one worn by Screen Star Virginia Huston, will look well with both plain and elaborate hats.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SPEAKING of hairdos, which do you prefer, the topknot or the flat top? The flat top seems to be gaining in popularity. Many women prefer it because it lends itself agreeably to any style of hat. Those towering rolls must have been meant for the hat hater. Yes, there are plenty of them. Won't put on a chapeau without growling and grumbling.

## Flat Top

The away-from-the-face coiffure persists. With the flat top there are no wave lines from the forehead to the nape. Side locks carry a wide undulation, cover the tops of the ears, are folded into a soft roll, bun or chignon at the back. This quaint arrangement suits the dress fashions of the moment. It is not elaborate, is easily arranged, forms

a softer frame for the face than the sleek back, straight effect with hair heaped high. It produces a head silhouette quite different from any the sisters have flaunted for some time. If you like to wear a small pancake hat slapped down over one ear, this coiffure is your dish. Should you take a fancy to sport a lid that is high, wide and handsome, you can do that, too. Without doubt, it is a most convenient mode.

Should it happen that you desire a more decided change and your locks are of sufficient length, you can part them front and back, cross the back strands, ribbon a fashion form large sculptured curls to cover your ears. You'll need clips or tuck combs to keep this arrangement intact, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your hairdo is distinctive and new.

On the two back strands, can sweep upward, curly ends resting just below the crown of the head. That's cute, too.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## The Very Laziest Animal

—General Tin Learned All About the Yawner—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Handi asked General Tin to tell them a story... a hunting story. For the General, as everyone knew, was a great hunter, and had been in all the jungles and forests and mountains all over the world, hunting strange animals.

At the moment General Tin was standing quietly by the side of the playroom door with his musket over his shoulder. But he said he would tell Knarf and Handi a hunting story.

"It's about the time I hunted the Yawner," he began, "I happened to be in the jungles of—"

"The Yawner?" Knarf broke in to say in a puzzled voice. "I never heard of an animal called a Yawner."

## The General Scowled

General Tin scowled. "Did you ever hear of the Gloop, or the White-Spotted Cheep, or the Water Quacker?"

Knarf said he had never heard of those animals either. Handi shook her head too in agreement with her brother.

"Exactly," said the Tin Soldier. "There are lots of animals you've never heard about. But that doesn't mean they aren't running around somewhere. They never heard of you either. But I'm not a bit surprised you never heard of the Yawner. Very few people have. It's a very odd and unusual animal, and only comes out between twelve o'clock and noon every day."

"Twelve o'clock and noon is the same time!" Handi cried.

But General Tin didn't seem to hear her. "There's no lazier animal in the world than the Yawner. The only thing it ever learns to make is its bed. It's too lazy to wash, or comb its hair, or go to the brook for a drink of water. When it gets really thirsty, it lies out in the rain with its mouth open and lets the drops fall in. Once in a great while it will drag itself up the stump of a tree. Naturally none of the other animals will be seen with it. Even the small (who isn't really lazy, but only slow) will hurry to pass it by."

## On a Tree Top

"Well," said General Tin, "I was hunting lions and tigers one day in the jungles of Africa, and had just sat down under an African oak tree to have my lunch, when I suddenly heard a loud yawn. Imagine my astonishment, on looking up, to discover a Yawner at the very top of the tree!"



If thirsty, the Yawner waited for rain and opened his mouth.

"You just said they never climbed trees," said Knarf.

"That's it. They never will. So I was puzzled and astonished to find this one at the very top. To make it more puzzling, I saw that this was a very old Yawner. So in addition to being lazy, it hardly seemed to have the strength to climb up to the top of that very tall oak. Well, it took me quite a while to find out how it got there," General Tin said with a smile. "But I did find out. And it didn't climb either, nor was it carried up by anyone else."

"Shadows Were Curious"

"How did it get there?" Knarf and Handi both asked, bursting with curiosity.

"Very simply, and quite in the way a lazy Yawner would do it. One day it happened to find an acorn lying on the ground. So it went to sleep, curled around it. When spring came, the acorn sprouted. But the Yawner, feeling comfortable and lazy, just turned over on its back, with its paws folded behind its head. The next year the sprout grew taller, and there was the Yawner, still on top of it. And finally, many years later, it was a great tree—and the Yawner was still on top! Now, did you ever hear of anything as lazy as that?"

QUICKWINK  
RIDDLERSGARRY  
CLERKING

## DON'T BRAG

Why is there less boasting now than in candle-light days? Now we don't have to do so much—

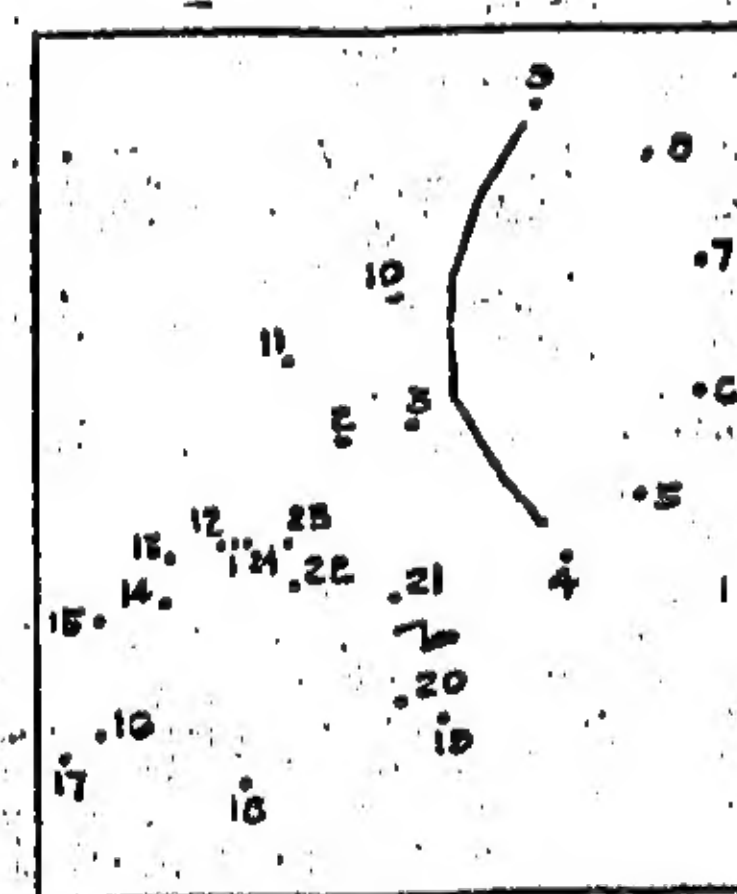
Do the puzzle and find the missing word.

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Read down: 1—Worn by a judge. 2—Part in a play. 3—Space. 4—What one does with a pair of oars. 5—Makes umbrellas go up. 6—It decorates a finger. 7—Fury.

Now read across the third row of letters for the missing word. The answer is on this page.

## DOT DRAWING



By drawing straight lines from 1 to 2, 2 to 3, etc., you will make a picture of one of Edison's inventions.

## Rupert helps Dr. Lion—25

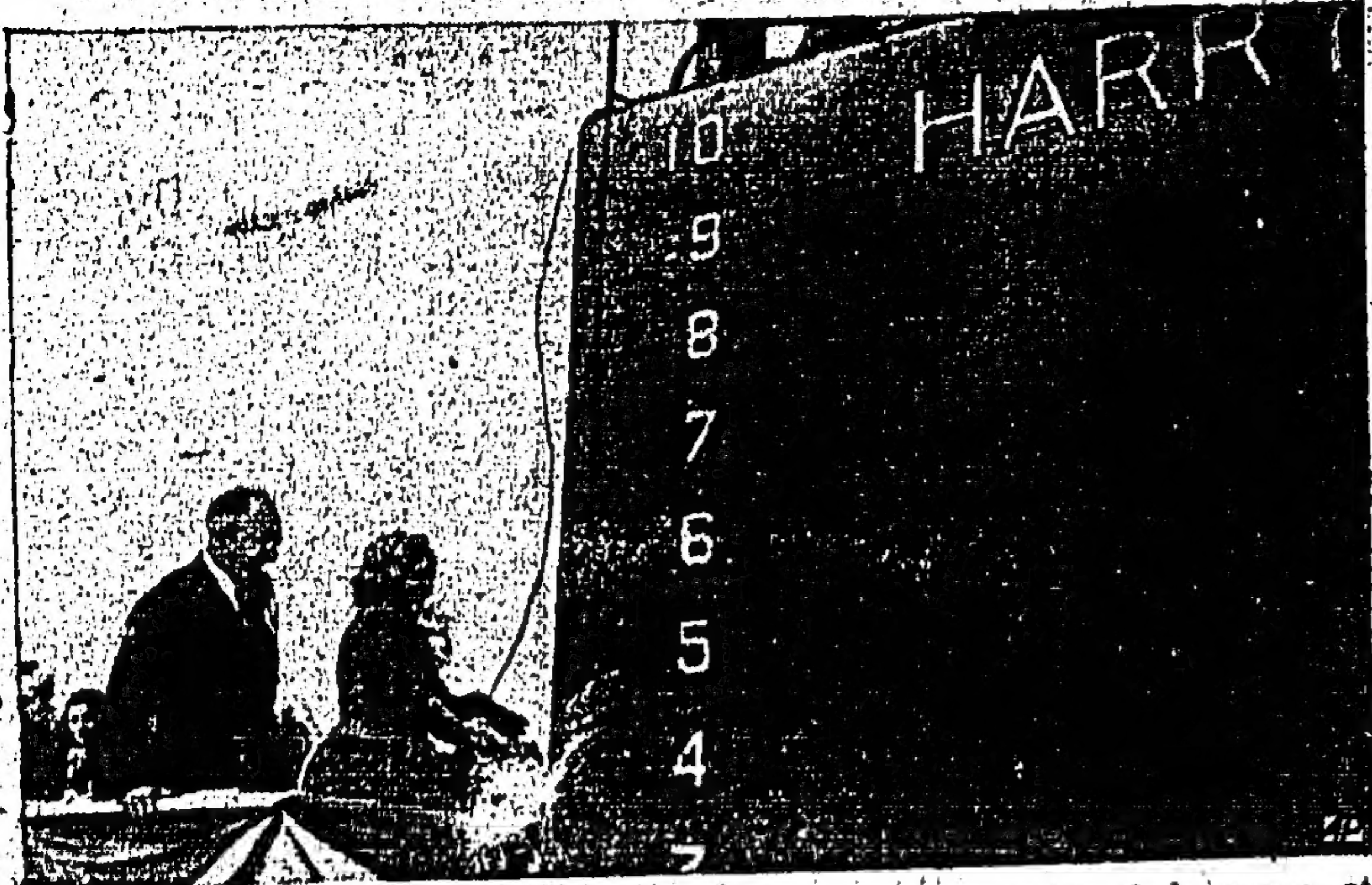


Thanking Dilly, Rupert runs off toward the distant fortress. The way becomes rougher and more difficult and there is no path. "This is harder than I expected," mutters the little bear. "I do hope mummy's not getting worried at my being away so long. I can't turn back now because there's an awful snowstorm coming and I must chance getting shelter inside the fortress if the Wise Old Goat doesn't mind." He struggles forward against the rising wind.

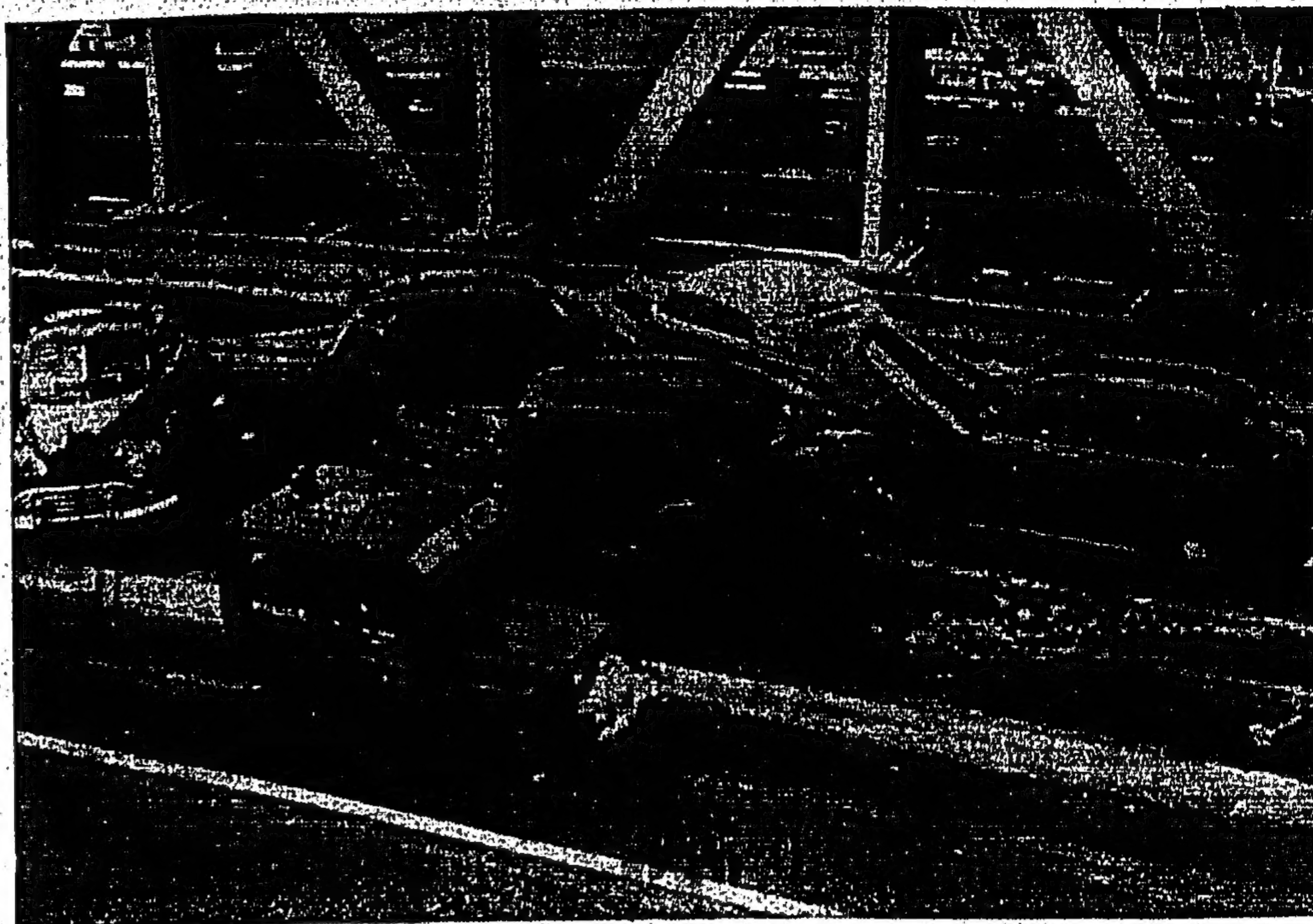
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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**CHRISTENING CEREMONY**—Margaret Truman smashes a bottle of champagne at New Orleans to christen the towboat Harry S. Truman, named for her father, the President of the United States.



**FIVE-CAR CRASH**—Five motor cars jam together after a crash on a bridge over the Delaware River in Philadelphia. One of the cars skidded sideways on a patch of ice and the other four, unable to stop quickly enough, piled into the first one. This photo was made by a member of a camera club group looking for scenic views.



**HERMIT TAKES TO AIR**—Noah John Rondeau, 64, the Adirondack hermit, and Mrs Pat Rideout, former WASP, read a map at the Lake Placid Flying Club. He selected the woman pilot to instruct him in his first flying lessons.



**ACCUSED**—Robert Marzloff, Moscow correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company, was accused by his former secretary, Cecilia Nelson, a native of Michigan, of using his position in Moscow to collect information for an American espionage system.



**ATOMIC BOMBING SURVIVOR WEDS**—Kay Polchikoff, White Russian girl who survived the Hiroshima atom bombing, and Paul Drago, former U.S. Army private, who met her in Japan, hold hands at their Hollywood wedding.



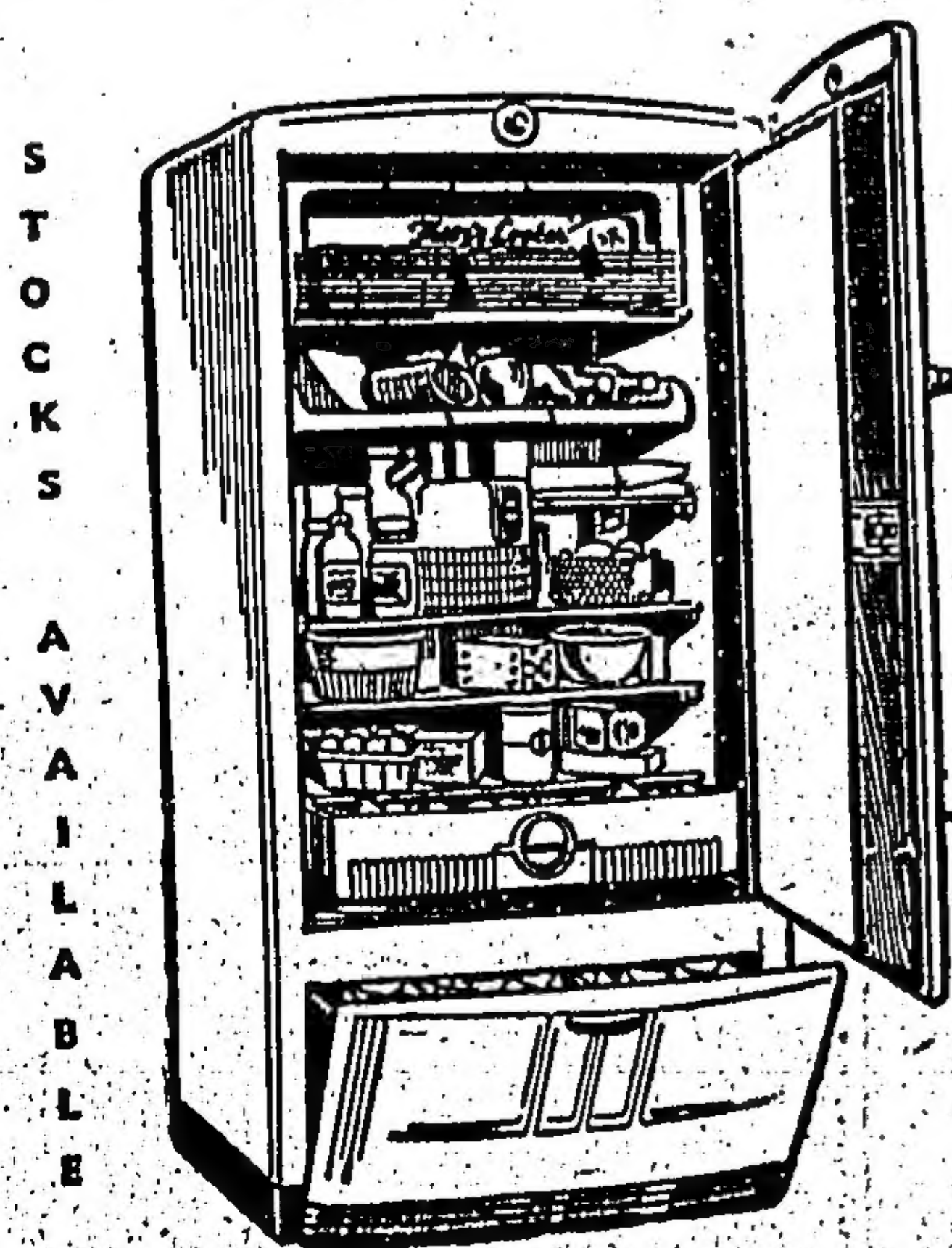
**HEADS PROJECT**—Col. Kenneth D. Nichols was named by U.S. Secretary of Defence James Forrestal as head of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. He succeeds Lieut-Gen. Leslie Groves, who has retired.



**SCREWY**—Florence Horton, student nurse at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, shows two-year-old Douglas Miller, of Dayton, Ohio, the wood screw he swallowed. Doctors operated to recover it.



**FISHING AT 50° BELOW**—Indians, working in temperatures that dropped to 50 degrees below zero, catch whitefish through the ice in Manitoba, Canada. During the past winter the fishing industry in this area netted 20,000,000 pounds.



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**BLOODY BOGOTA RIOTING**—Colombians look over the wrecked and burned city area of Bogota, Colombia—the aftermath of the bloody rioting and looting that followed the death of their liberal party leader.



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## The Great German Atom Bomb Bluff

By **MILTON SHULMAN**

who, as a Canadian Army Intelligence officer, was given the job of interrogating the captured German generals.

ON August 6, 1945, the first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. In the Ruhr that same evening I had just finished a lengthy talk with a fat, well-fed German industrialist, who was supposed to know the location of some documents needed by Allied Intelligence.

Casualty I mentioned the day's news. The industrialist was startled. "The Allies have the atom bomb," he exclaimed. "If it is true the war with Japan will be over in ten days." (It was over in eight). Then leaning towards me very confidentially, he whispered, "You know, we Germans also had the atom bomb."

A few weeks later the same subject came up again while I was interrogating General Eugen Meindl, one of Germany's leading parachutists. "The Germans knew the secret of the atom bomb long before the Americans," Meindl assured me. "But we refused to use it, as we did not consider it to be a humane weapon in warfare."

During the next few months I heard this story over and over again—not only from German generals and civilians, but from Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Belgians and even Britons and Americans.

NOW comes along a new book to smash this latest Teutonic myth as thoroughly as if an atom bomb itself had been used to explode it. For in Alsos, by Dr Samuel Goudsmit, Sigma Books London, 15s., the incredible truth of the failure of German atomic research is revealed in all its fantastic and almost ludicrous reality.

Alsos was the code name for an American scientific mission whose task it was to follow close behind the fighting troops in Europe and discover how far the Germans had progressed in their research into and production of atomic weapons. As a code-name it left much to be desired since it was the Greek translation for Groves, surname of the general in complete charge of all U.S. army activities concerned with the atom bomb.

In the first place, it was a German scientist, Otto Hahn, who in December 1933 had made the first discovery of uranium fission, the basic process of breaking up the atomic nucleus which makes the bomb possible. Another had published the first paper on the theory of the chain reaction pile, and Germans like Gerlach, Helsenberg and Bothe were ranked among the greatest nuclear scientists in the world.

Speculations along these lines were stimulated by the uneasy belief that German scientific thought was, after all, more advanced than any other. As a result, efforts were intensified to delay German progress in the atomic field and to discover what they were up to.

The first concrete action was the bombing of the Norwegian plant producing heavy water.

It was not until after the fall of Paris in 1944 that Alsos began to do any serious investigation. It might be remarked that the Allies showed little imagination in leaving so important a project so late.

The Mission's work in Paris unfolded like a suspense thriller, by Hitchcock.

They were soon involved in tracing a Mademoiselle Carola, who turned out to be an aged seamstress; trying to find codes in innocent letters about perfume; and finally in tracking down to earth a mysterious firm called Cellastic which turned

out to be nothing but a German version of the Alsos group set up to spy on French scientists.

In Brussels they learned of a German firm which had removed to Germany the entire supply of French thorium. Since thorium could be used in the advanced stages of the A-bomb project the implications were obvious. However, after a few weeks of panic it was learned, with relief, that the German firm had stolen the thorium, because they were planning to produce, after the war, a new type of toothpaste mixed with thorium oxide.

It was not until November 1944 that some documents found in Strasbourg revealed the full extent of German thinking on the atom bomb. The unglorious facts were that German scientists had only reached the stage the Allies were at in 1940—when no large-scale efforts to produce an atom bomb had yet begun.

PERHAPS the most interesting part of the book is the description of how ten of the greatest German physicists first heard the Hiroshima news in their internment camp. They refused to believe it: "It can't be an atom bomb," said one. "It's probably propaganda."

But when it obviously was an atom bomb, their world collapsed. "At one stroke," writes Dr. Goudsmit, "all their self-confidence was gone and the belief in their own scientific superiority gave way to an intense feeling of despair and futility."

NEW YORK.

ALL the revolutions are not taking place in Europe. Americans, familiar with their own country's strongest traditions, are astonished by the speed with which American thinking is changing.

CHANGE ONE: Chief Republican opposition to the Marshall plan is that Secretary of State Marshall is not committing the U. S. to military as well as economic alliances.

Yet, ever since there has been an American, an old saw, "no foreign entanglements," has ruled its foreign policy.

And ever since there have been Republicans, they have been the strongest supporters of that policy.

CHANGE TWO: The switch-over of the Don't-Lend-Britain-another-dollar group.

Cited as an example of this change is a leading article from

## 'MR SABENA'

tells me why his airline pays

By **BASIL CARDEW**

BRUSSELS. It was a pity that a bewildered motor-coach driver took 18 of us passengers from Airways Terminal to Heath Row when our point of departure was Northolt.

It was a pity, because British European Airways was transporting me to Brussels to see—though the English airline officials did not know it—how Sabena, the Belgian airline can make a profit.

For every five officials at Northolt and Heath Row I counted only one at Brussels airport. And in Brussels I was impressed by Sabena's arrangements for steering us through the Customs and off the airport in 25 minutes.

Before 45-year-old Gilbert Perier, Sabena's managing director, had agreed to see me I had dug out: Last available figures for one year's operations—B.O.A.C., £8,076,844 loss; B.E.A., £2,157,937 loss (for its first eight months); Sabena, £700,000 profit.

These figures showed that for every passenger carried B.O.A.C. lost £202, B.E.A. £30, but Sabena cleared £6 a head profit.

What has Sabena got that the other have not got? I asked Gilbert Perier. He is a slightly built, fair-haired, modest man, who has been at the airline game since 1930.

### FOUR POINTS

THE problems of the others might be different, he said. But this is what he told me as we sat in his unpretentious office in a Brussels side street—

1 Sabena is run purely as a private concern.

2 Sabena believes in carrying passengers only in the air not on the staff.

3 Not one of the 2,282 staff has Civil Service status; even the managing director can be dismissed if he is inefficient.

4 Air services that do not pay are left for others.

Sabena had no special advantage over the competing foreign airlines when it was restarted after the war. The whole 1939 framework had been gutted by the Germans.

Perier flew from London back to Brussels and found that only four people were left in the

organisation. There were no aircraft, office, or flying network—and there was no top-heavy "paper" staff.

Perier decided on three types of airline: insisted on standardising the fleet. He issued an order that the planes were to fly, not to stay in hangars. He ruthlessly held down administrative and management overheads.

And while he did this he discarded the pre-war Belgian Government subsidy of £1,200,000 a year. "We have got to pay our way to face the shareholders," he said. Air pay Sabena does.

### PRIVATELY HELD

PERIER explained that half the Sabena shares are held by private people, a quarter by the Belgian Government and a quarter by the Belgian Congo colony.

The Sabena chiefs do not work their flying crews harder, for the International Airlines Association limits air-crew flying to 120 hours a month.

But the Sabena flying personnel—the men and women who do the real work—are the best paid in Europe; and the passengers are given lunch or dinner free because it costs less than 2s. 6d. a head to the airline, a publicity charge considered worth while.

Mr. Perier and company refuse to have expensive world-wide offices. "But all this," I said, "hardly accounts for your trading profit. How do you do it?"

Perier replied: Our 25 airlines have been 90 per cent full on every trip. We brought the Belgian Congo nearer to Europe—from more than a month's travel to 23 hours by air.

"We discarded this silly talk of the fifth freedom, which is the right to pick up passengers abroad and set them down in a foreign country. We load our planes at the start, and stop on the way only to pick up petrol. We know that people go by air not because they like it but because they want to get there quickly."

### WHAT HE WOULD DO

"WHAT?" I asked, "would you do if you found you were running at an £8,000,000 a year loss?"

"I would not allow my business for a business concern it is to be run on lines where the staff are so busy reading the memoranda, notes, and letters sent by other members of their organisation that they have no time for their real job."

Now, a quick run over the comparable figures: SABENA: Staff 2,282 (including 600 natives); Year's passengers 125,000; Aircraft 25; Profit £700,000. B.O.A.C.: Staff 24,404; Year's passengers 129,920; Aircraft 175; Loss £2,076,844.



"Sorry!"

## C.V.R. THOMPSON reports the U.S. Scene

the chain of newspapers owned by the army to discuss this.

"We are proud that America wants to help Britain, and is able to do so. But we don't feel a bit self-righteous about it."

"To share with a people who have given so much to the world in the past eight years of heroic sacrifice is a privilege."

SEATS on New York's Stock Exchange dropped £3,250 in value in two days. Latest sale price, £10,000, is the lowest for four years. The reason is that Wall Street is up in the midst of America's biggest business boom. There is so little trading in stocks and shares that the brokers do not make money any more.

GENERAL "IKE" has tentatively named his war memoirs, due in October, "Crusade in Europe."

MR. KENNETH ROYALL, Army Secretary, has ordered all ranks to stop referring to Russia as "a potential enemy or threat to this country," because it is "more ap-

propriate for individuals outside the army to discuss this."

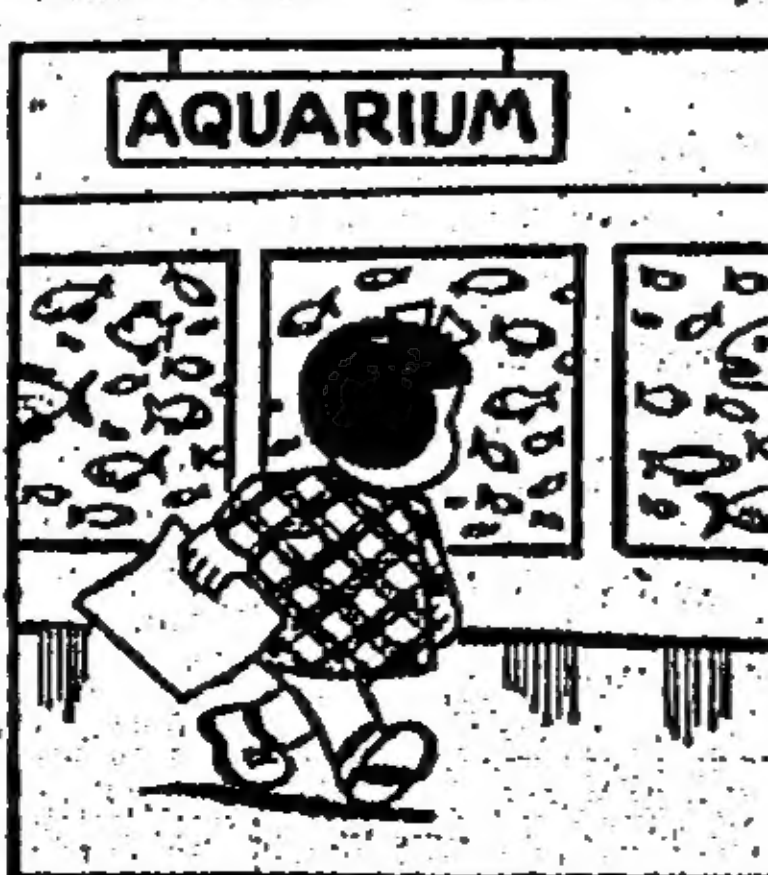
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS after General Douglas MacArthur declared himself a candidate for President, his supporters set up national headquarters in Chicago. Their first appointment was a treasurer. His name, Harold Halfpenny. Said an opponent: "No doubt their next man will be called Twopenny."

NOT ONE STUDENT in all the schools in Boston is taking violin lessons. It is the war, says Director of Music Daniel Tierney. Now, he complains, the drum is the favourite instrument, the bugle second favourite.

A NEW YORK COURT gave Mrs. Sally Shannon a legal separation and alimony because her husband, a university professor, tried to make her read Karl Marx.

THE BIRTH of 2,607,000 babies in 1947, a record, boosted America's population, census experts estimate, to 145,340,000.

NANCY How Come, Mister?



By Ernie Bushmiller

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### SPORTS NEWS

#### AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TOUR

## BRADMAN AND MORRIS IN SECOND WICKET STAND

### Don Misses Up On Double Century

Worcester, April 29.—The Australian cricket tourists scored 377 for the loss of six wickets in their first innings against Worcestershire's 233 when stumpers were drawn at the end of the second day's play.

Don Bradman, who has scored a double century each time against Worcestershire in previous tours, was out for 107 and Arthur Morris scored 138 before losing his wicket.

Bradman, who was 17 not out at the lunch interval, got quickly into his stride after lunch and when the total had reached 139 for one, Bradman was 34 and Morris 60. Bradman and Morris each gave a delightful exhibition of batting during the afternoon to score up-unsifted centuries by the tea interval.

The Australian captain showed that he had lost none of his batting skill and looked all set for scoring his fourth successive double century against Worcestershire, while Morris, playing his first innings in England, became the first batsman to score a first class century this season, and joined the ranks of those players who have scored a three-figure innings in their first match on foreign soil.

#### BOXING

## A Remarkable Comeback

By ARCHIE QUICK

Some months ago I walked into the Harringay Arena dressing room and saw a badly battered world champion lying flat out on his massage table. I never wish to see a face more disfigured by the leather gloves.

His manager was standing over him, saying to me in a pitiful tone, "I am never going to let him go into the ring again. I am his pal and I know when he has had enough."

If anyone had told me then that that selfsame boxer would be on these shores again in this year of grace, 1948, I would have laughed outright. Nevertheless he is coming and what is more he is likely to pick up a very useful £20,000 in good English money.

The name, of course, is Gus Lesnevich and, having turned down Ben Smith's offer of £10,000, the American has agreed to a share of the gate as a better financial proposition. The occasion when I saw Lesnevich so completely beaten was, of course, when Bruce Woodcock did his best job of work in the ring. Who could have forecast that his fortunes would have reversed so. There was Gus beaten and threatening to retire, and there was Bruce on top of the world.

Now, here is Gus still world champion, voted Boxer of the Year in America by his four great wins over Marcelino, Bellini, and Fox, and here is Bruce, just out of a Leeds nursing home with his future very much in doubt and that millionaire future entirely dissipated as a pipe dream.

#### FIGHTING BETTER

Lesnevich's comeback has been remarkable for he is fighting better now at the age of 33, than ever before. How Mills qualifies as his challenger, apart from the fact that there is a lot of money evidently going spare in England, beats me. Apart from his managers of a number of so-called boxers from the Continent, Mills has fought one American negro, Lloyd Marshall, since meeting Gus and we all know what Marshall did to Freddie in five rounds.

The selfsame Marshall went back to America and got himself knocked out in two rounds by Ezzard Charles, another coloured man, who is rated as No. 1 challenger to Lesnevich in the United States.

Mills and Lesnevich will now definitely meet at the White City on July 20 under Jack Solomon's promotion and as part of a particularly weird training schedule, Mills is down to fight two heavyweights beforehand—Ralph, South African champion, in Johannesburg, and Ken Shaw in a final eliminator for Woodcock's title.

It is a remarkable thing that Woodcock has never defended his title since he won it from Jack London two years ago and, much as I hate the thought of Mills going in with any boxer over 12 stones seven pounds, there is no doubt that Freddie is the only logical contender for Bruce's crown. He deserves a chance of capturing it.

Morris reached his century in three hours 55 minutes and two overs later Bradman followed suit in 94 minutes less time than that taken by his partner.

#### SPLENDID TIMING

Both batsmen played excellent cricket. Bradman was perfectly at home and timed his strokes splendidly to score faster than Morris, who concentrated more on defence and played a painstaking innings. Unfortunately, rain and hail disturbed this batting feast for 25 minutes, but when play was resumed both players continued in the same vein.

Bradman went out to force matters after tea and was not afraid to take risks. This proved his undoing for swinging his bat at a ball well outside the off stump he pulled on to his wicket. He batted in all for just over two and a half hours, in which time he hit 15 fours besides helping Morris to put on 180 runs for the second wicket.

Morris was third out at 207 when he was caught at coverpoint off a mistimed stroke.

Bradman next put in the players without batting reputation in some practice on English wickets. Lindwall scored 32, McCool 6 and Tallon 4 by the time stumps were drawn.

#### SCOREBOARD

The score-board at the end of the second day's play reads:	
Worcestershire: First Innings: .. 233	
Australians: First Innings: .. 377	
S. Barnes, lbw, b Howarth .. 44	
A. Morris, c Jenkins b Jackson .. 138	
D. G. Bradman, b Jackson .. 107	
T. Lindwall, lbw, b Jackson .. 32	
C. McCool, b Jackson .. 6	
D. Tallon, b Jackson .. 4	
A. L. Hassett, not out .. 13	
W. Brown, not out .. 12	
Extras .. 7	
Total for six .. 377	

—Reuter.

## Henley Prepares

By HYLTON CLEAVER

Those who think of Henley Regatta course bordered by flower-decked houseboats, with floating grandstands provided by punts, skiffs, and motor-boats, must prepare for a shock when Henley stages the Olympic Regatta in August.

No motor-boats, yachts or pleasure steamers will be allowed on the course at all. Punks and the like will be penned in a small space between the finish and the Mile Post, on the Bucks shore only.

The tow-path will be free to those who can reach it, but space is restricted to the Berks bank, and is nothing like that between Putney and Mortlake on Boat Race day.

#### THREE ABREAST

There will be no stands for the public, other than one to hold 400 reserved seats at 30s. a day in "B" enclosure. This will be that known as the Competitors' Enclosure at Royal Regatta time.

Rover tickets will be £1. In the Stewards' Enclosure there will be priority for members of the stewards and for VIPs from visiting nations. If there is room guests will be allowed in at 25s.

The pleasure boats are "banned" because of the need to remove the booms and row three crews abreast. No one may travel on the umpire's launch other than the umpire and driver, although attempts are being made to have at least one pressman aboard to provide a detailed account of each race.

#### ELECTRIC TIMING

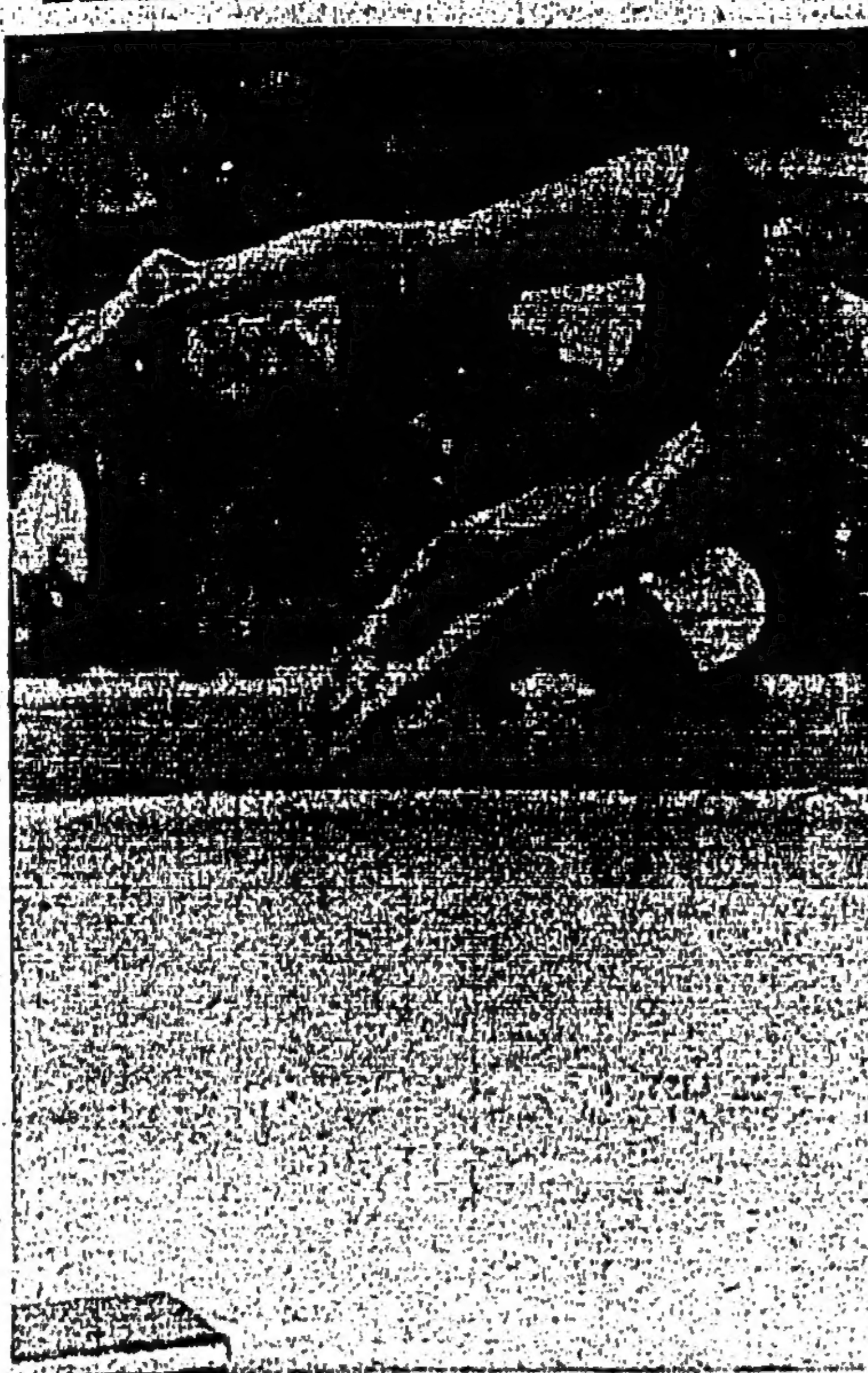
There will be electric timing by equipment brought specially from Lucerne and operated by specialists provided by the manufacturers, not by old Blues!

No decisions will be given in distance; fractions of seconds will show the margin of victory.

Henley Town Council have raised £3000 by voluntary subscriptions to provide a welcome for the visiting crews.

The Olympic Regatta finishes on Monday, August 9. This gives a day of rest between semi-finals and finals.

## THE HARD WAY IN



AND SHE WON, TOO—Los Angeles' Vicki Draves executes perfect diving form during the National AAU swimming meet at Daytona Beach, Fla. Miss Draves defeated Zoe Ann Olsen to become women's one-meter-board diving champion.

#### BASEBALL

## Cleveland Holds On To Unblemished Record

### BROOKLYN HALTS GIANTS

New York, Apr. 29.—Cleveland kept its unblemished record intact in the American League while a six game winning streak by the National League's front running New York Giants was rudely halted by Brooklyn.

In the American League, the Indians, led by manager shortstop Lou Boudreau, who drove in three runs on a homer, a double and two singles, defeated the Saint Louis Browns 5-2. It was the tribe's sixth win.

Centrefielder Joe DiMaggio's long fly to centre scored shortstop Bobby Brown with the winning run in the 10th inning for the New York Yankees' edge over Washington. The Yanks took the game 5-4. First baseman George McQuinn, leftfielder Charley Keller and catcher Yogi Berra hit home runs for the Yanks. New York moved into second place on the win.

Two run homers by leftfielder Ted Williams, rightfielder Sam Rice, pitcher Joe Dobson and first baseman Mike Jones accounted for eight runs as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Philadelphia Athletics 11-5. Rightfielder Elmer Valo and catcher Buddy Rosar also homered for Philadelphia, each with empty bases.

Floyd Baker's pinch triple in the seventh inning, followed by an infield error by second baseman Eddie Mayo, gave the Chicago White Sox the winning run in a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers. Catcher Aaron Robinson drove in three White Sox runs with three hits, including a homer.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

In the National League, leftfielder Hank Sauer's 14th inning single after centrefielder John Wyrostek's double gave the Cincinnati Reds a 5-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. Sauer's eighth inning homer set the game into extra innings. Wyrostek homered in the third. Rightfielder Stan Musial drove in all the Cardinals runs with a two-run homer and a single good for two runs. Brooklyn snapped out of a batting slump with a 20-hit attack to end New York's winning streak, defeating the Giants 17-7. Rookie first baseman Preston Ward hit a homer with four on and a double. Catcher Bruce Edwards hit three singles and a double. Pete Reiser drove in five runs, three on a homer and two on a triple.

Third baseman Frankie Gustano paced the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs with two singles and a double. Sheller homered in the seventh, centrefielder Harry Walker hit an inside the park four bagger against John Beazley with two on and two out in the eighth to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 4-2 victory over the Boston Braves.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland	5	13	1
Saint Louis	5	8	2
Washington	4	0	1
New York	5	0	3
Boston	11	5	0
Philadelphia	11	0	0
Chicago	5	0	1
Detroit	4	0	1

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saint Louis	5	7	0
Cincinnati	5	15	0
Washington	4	0	1
New York	17	20	1
Brooklyn	17	7	0
Pittsburgh	4	10	0
Chicago	2	7	0
Philadelphia	4	0	1
Boston	4	0	1

(Winning pitcher Lynn Rowen)

—Associated Press.

## Gerard Wins Jersey Race

Jersey (Channel Islands), Apr. 29.—Fred Gerard, the Leicestershire racing motorist, driving a British ERA, today won the international road race over 170 miles in which 22 of the leading British and Continental drivers took part at St. Helier.

Gerard covered the 55 laps of the 170 miles circuit at an average speed of 87.33 miles an hour.

Georgio Abecassis, in a Maserati, was second at 87.21 miles per hour and Reg Parnell, in another Maserati, third at 86.97 miles per hour.

His Highness Birabongse, of Siam, who raced under the pseudonym of "B. Bira" finished fourth at 84.85 miles an hour in a Maserati.

The only accident in the thrilling race was when S. J. Glibbey's Maserati overturned and shot into a garage yard after hitting the curb. The driver threw himself clear and was practically unhurt.—Reuter.

#### TENNIS

## WALTON UPSETS SELECTORS

Bournemouth, England, Apr. 29.—Respected Howard Walton, dropped from the British Davis Cup team to play Norway from May 12 to 14, slapped the British selectors hard today by becoming the only English player left in the semi-final of the Men's Single in the British Hard Court Championship.

Walton, who went on the court knowing he was no longer in the Davis Cup team, defeated the left handed Yugoslav star Kukuljevic, 2-0, 7-6, 6-4, 7-5.

In another match Eric Sturgess, the South African holder of the title, took only 45 minutes to eliminate Geoff Pals of the British Davis Cup team, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.

An upset in the Women's singles was the defeat of Joan Curry, British Wightman Cup player and number one seed in the women's event.

Miss D. E. Woodgate, a Middlesex County player, in a hard driving match put out Curry 7-5, 6-4, to reach the semi final.—Associated Press.

#### PAISH INJURED

Bournemouth, Hampshire, Apr. 29.—Geoffrey Paish, who earlier in the day had been selected to play for Great Britain in the Davis Cup match against Norway, was taken to hospital with a suspected fracture of the ankle following a fall during a doubles match in the British hard courts championships here this afternoon.—Reuter.

## French Horse Loses

Newmarket, England, Apr. 29.—A Glenister's four-year-old Sicavo, a French horse trained in England, upset Marcel Bousac's 4 to 11 hot shot Djelal in the March-Stakes with £1,300 added today.

Sicavo, with the advantage of eight pounds, won the mile and a quarter race by three quarters of a length from Djelal with Gordon Richardson's mount, Grand Weather, eight lengths away in third place.

City of Russia was the last of the field of four.

The winner's starting price was 7 to 2.—Associated Press.

#### COLONY CHESS

## Sequeira Leads

F. X. Sequeira beat Ray Danenberg in the only one of three games from the second round of the Colony Open Chess Championship final contested yesterday.

Danenberg played the Alekhine Defence to King's Pawn and could not find a counter to Sequeira's rapid pawn development, resigning after 23 moves. The game was the brightest of the tournament thus far.

The other two games, Barnett v. Carvalho and Schure v. Prokopov, were postponed.

Scores now are: F. X. Sequeira 1½-½; L. Schure 1-0; J. P. de Carvalho and P. K. Prokopov ½-½; R. C. Danenberg ½-½; K. M. A. Barnett 0-1.

#### DERBY CALLOVER

London, Apr. 29.—Tonight's Victoria Club callover prices on the Derby were:

5 to 2 My Babu offered, 11 to 4 taken and wanted, 6 to 1 The Cobler offered, 100 to 8 Jack Scott offered, 100 to 7 taken, 100 to 8 Black Tarquin, 100 to 8 Fride of India, 20 to 1 Birdy. Greetings, 25 to 1 Hoyleke, Roaring Forties and Straight Play, 33 to 1 Djedddah and Black Parners, all offered, 40 to 1 Soler Slipper taken and offered, 40 to 1 Julian, Hanley and Royal Drake, 50 to 1 The Senator, 60 to 1 Captain Fox and Usher, all offered.—Reuter.

#### HOME FOOTBALL

London, Apr. 29.—In the League Three, Southern, Northampton lost to Bournemouth by three goals to six.—Reuter.

## CHINA'S DISTANCE STARS SWOTTED UP NURMI

By BERNARD HAMMERBECK

China's two best trackmen, acknowledging assistance from Paavo Nurmi and the United States, hope to make a good showing in the distance races in the 1948 Olympics.

They are Wang Chen-ling, a 30-year-old veteran of the 1936 Olympics, and 29-year-old Lau Wen-Ngai, who runs any distance from 10,000 metres to 10 miles.

"We need more experience and we also expect to learn much from the American runners," Wang, who ran in the 1936 Olympic marathon, told me. Lau, his protegee, is a dent and dumb.

#### LAU BETTER PROSPECT

Of the two, Lau is rated the better prospect for Olympic honours. His best official time for the 10,000 metres is 31:27, nearly two minutes off the world record, but unofficially he has been timed in 30:50. The Olympic record is 30:11.4, by Janusz Kusociński of Poland, and the world mark is 30:05.2 by Nurmi.

Wang, interested in distance-running since he was a small boy, took up the sport seriously in 1932 when a Chinese newspaper printed a series of articles by Nurmi explaining the Finn's style of running.

Wang clipped the articles and studied them religiously. Soon he had memorised them, and then he went onto the tracks to practise their teachings. Gradually he perfected the style, and has followed it closely ever since.

#### WORKED TOGETHER

Nine years ago Wang met Lau, who was supervisor at the park where Wang took his daily workouts. When Wang learned that Lau liked distance-running, he took charge of his training, and they have worked together continuously since then. Lau runs the Nurmi style.

"We don't have any fancy diets," Wang said. "The ordinary Chinese diet is rice and pork. We eat beef instead of pork and drink much milk. That is the only difference."

#### THOSE WERE THE DAYS

## When A Four-Minute Mile Was Nothing To Write About

If grandpa lets through an odd sneer about our champions of today we cannot be too sure he doesn't know what he is talking about.

A Pacific Coast newspaperman, H. Archie Richardson of the Christian Science Monitor, has investigated some of grandpa's tales about the era when "men were men" and discovered that at least one of our topical headlines wasn't worth the setting 80 years ago.

A chance remark by "Dink" Templeton, one of the Pacific Coast's most noted athletic coaches, started the old man in the rocking chairs off on their reminiscences.

Templeton suggested that running times today were not quite what they could be because there was no incentive to performance. The incentive, Templeton suggested, should be a fat cash prize.

This started a Pacific Coast-wide controversy on the subject of how amateur and professional performances compared and the old man began remembering.

The outcome of all this was that Richardson decided to investigate for himself. Research in libraries uncovered the fact that in the 1890s professional running was one of the biggest sporting attractions of the day.

The era had its own nation-wide sports paper, The Spirit of the Times. Richardson picked up a file for 1897 and on looking through the issue for July 6 of that year came across an account of a professional race.

The race in question took place at Toronto, Canada, and featured two outstanding mile-runners of the day—Sergeant Harley and Private Wood of the 17th Regiment.

#### FIRE ON BY BACKERS

"At the word 'Go!'" stated The Spirit of the Times, "the two army men started off at a fast pace. Harley went into the lead at the half-way mark. Then Wood, fired on by his backers, made a brilliant sprint, passed his opponent and kept the lead to the finish. The time was 4 minutes 2 seconds."

The time, mentioned as casually as all that was three-fifths of a second slower than the present recognised world record of 4:01.4 held by Sweden's Gunder Haegg and Arne Anderson.

Richardson wasn't inclined to view this bald statement with much credence. Stop-watches in the 1890s may not have been very accurate instruments. It might have been a typographical error. It might not have been anything more accurate than some spectator's own effort on an ordinary vest-pocket timepiece.

Richardson teared some more through the file and came across an account of two more running races. These came in the issue of October 20 and were from an account of an event billed as the Canadian Pedestrian Tournament.

The main feature was a three-mile race for a prize of \$200 and a gold medal. The participants were five leading Americans and three Canadian professionals.

It was won by an outstanding runner of the day, a Canadian named De Kelsa, with George Munroe of Canada second and James Palmer, an American, third.

With no comment whatsoever in respect of the winning performance being a world record, the time taken

given at 13 minutes 11 seconds.

#### FASTER THAN HAEGG

This happens to be just 21.4 seconds faster than Gunder Haegg's official world record mark for the three miles of 13:34. Munroe was reported to have taken second place in 1932, or two-fifths of a second faster than the present world mark, and Palmer third in 1938.

Was there any attempt at accurate timing? Richardson read on and discovered that De Kelsa had been timed as well separately at the end of each mile. He was reported to have run the first mile in 4:19½, the second in 4:21¼, and the third in 4:30¼.

It is not improbable that there may have been heavy betting on time as well as placing, in which case many a spectator would have been keeping track himself of the time taken. The promoters were unlikely to rain the confidence of the people who paid for admission had they chosen not to be strictly accurate.

It is possible that the track was short. Again, the promoters would not have been too popular with the public in not having the course surveyed were there money involved. The times given within one-fourth of a second are also suggestive of an attempt at accuracy.

Richardson looked on further through the file and discovered that there was another foot-race on the programme, over two miles this time, before the Pedestrian's Tournament ended.

It featured the same set of runners and they came in the same order. The times were given at 8 mins 50 secs, 8:58 and 9:04. The winning performance is off Haegg's present world mark of 8:42.6, but even a 9:04 effort in the two miles is, today, to say the least, a very respectable one.

## Brazil Asks For English Refs

London, Apr. 29.—Brazil has asked the English Football Association for English referees for its big soccer tournaments.

The officials are required for the Rio Championship on June 27, and will be engaged until the end of December with the option of a further contract for a year.

Pay is approximately £100 per month.—Associated Press.

#### NOTICE

#### THE SPORTS CLUB

Selling Lotteries for the Mount Parker Handicap (both sections) and the St George's Plate will be held to-day at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

J. C. M. GRENHAM,

Hon. Secretary.



# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I haven't got any urge to save, but I've always wanted a convertible—if you'd lend me enough to buy it, I'd have an incentive to pay you back!"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ..... By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

**BORN** today, you have a highly analytical and critical mind that leads you into a frank sincerity, which is often a little overwhelming even to your best and dearest friends. You are a natural "fact-finder" and will dig around and get at the truth if it takes you a "lifetime" of work. This talent, combined with your interest in science, would make you a fine experimental technician, since you would never be discouraged in your work.

You have an alert, wideawake mind and get excited and enthusiastic over something new you have discovered. Your ability to lead others in thought is a useful talent, were you to go into public affairs, newspaper publishing or advertising where your integrity would never be questioned. What you say and claim could always be depended upon as the truth. You know how to arrange your facts to make your argument look sure and unassailable.

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SATURDAY, MAY 1

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Strong winds are blowing up so hold on your hat until they subside. Routine duties are best for today.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Business appears on the upgrade again. More influences are for it than against, so push forward energetically.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—A romantic day for those who are so inclined. As for business, postpone important commitments until later.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Definitely a poor day for your efforts, so stick close to routine. Be conservative in all expenditures.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Better days are ahead, so avoid attempting anything drastic just now. Lie low and conserve your energy.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A romantic day. Enjoy yourself but don't make any attempt to combine the social with business, which is poor.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Not a world-beater as days come, so postpone important matters until things change. If in doubt, say "no!"

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Good judgment is needed in all matters pertaining especially to expenditures. Watch the budget carefully.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Don't go overboard on a new proposition until you have had time to investigate all details thoroughly.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You can make progress when others fall if you are expeditious and very cautious in your dealings. Be astute.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A good day if you are dealing with members of the opposite sex, especially in a business partnership.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Publishers appear favoured but even they could go slowly in advancing some new project. Being sure is to be safe.

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

**THE** feet of the Zouave at the northern end of the Alma bridge in Paris get wet when the Seine rises—as we would expect—and in this manner he was recently foretelling floods.

I always admired the lady who said to a waiter in Fouquet's, "Fancy building a bridge just so as to have a figure to mark the rise of the river." At the northern end of the bridge at the corner of the rue Bayard, there used to be (perhaps there still is) a house built by Francis I. more than four hundred years ago. It was built at Moret near Fontainebleau and then at the beginning of the last century, taken down, removed to Paris and re-erected. Gustave Dore had his studio in the same street. Who else would bother to tell you all this on a Tuesday?

## Egham fears a 'scene'

**BY** a piece of good luck (for us) the last letter I quoted from Dung was left lying about by the careless Egham, to whom it had been forwarded at the house of his fiancée's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Kigwidge, Bunty Kigwidge saw the letter, and in sportive vein, brandished it under Egham's nose, crying, "A letter from a lady! Do!" Egham turned so pale that she then read a word or two, immediately burst into tears, and dashed off to her mother with the letter. Mrs. Kigwidge had played hockey for a county, and was one of those masculine women who will stand no nonsense, and not much sense either. She confronted Egham and, in the voice which had cowed the Shropshire captain after a coarse word in the changing-room, she shouted, "Who is this low Tibetan creature?"

## Interlude

So strong is his sense of proportion,  
And his cult of propriety, that  
He sits in a box at "La Bohème"  
In his little round wicker-work hat.

## Marginal note

**I** NOTE the growing popularity of another American time-saving word. Tip is becoming "tip-off," just as face has become "face up to," check "check up on," and try, "try out." The quickest way to end or finish this column is to "get it over with."

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Clara and Robert Schumann.  
2. Along the Gulf of Mexico and the California coast. 3. William Shakespeare. 4. Loch Lomond. 5. The clypeus from which quinine is produced. 6. Ammunition.

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

# HONGKONG SHARE MARKET ACTIVE

There was increased activity on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning, interest being fairly evenly distributed among the popular local issues, with price advances recorded notably for Docks, Providents, Trams, Cements and Watsons. Two big lots of Providents and China Lights (old) changed hands.

Observers credit the jittery attitude of the gold market because of the belief that the government will soon take action to plug the dollar leakage as being in some part responsible for the revival of interest in local shares.

Transfers during this morning's session were valued at \$1,020,000.

This morning's business and noon prices are as follows:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HSK Bank 2040 25 @ 2050

HSK Fire 142 100 @ 145

HSK Insurance 700 410 150 @ 705

HSK Union 207 100 @ 210

HSK Dock 150 100 @ 155

HSK Wharf (O) 150 100 @ 155

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## N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, Apr. 29.—Foreign exchange closing rates today were as follows:

Argentine Peso (official)	US\$0.2077
Argentine Peso (unofficial)	2503
Australia	323
Belgium	323
Canada	0.02114
Chile	0.0211
Denmark	4.6314
France	2023
Germany	2023
India	0.0211
Mexico	0.0211
New Zealand	0.0211
Peru	0.0211
Portugal	0.0211
South Africa	0.0211
Sweden	0.0211
Switzerland	0.0211
Uruguay	0.0211
Venezuela	0.0211
Shanghai (CNC\$100,000)	3014
Netherlands	3014
Holland	3014
Singapore	4735
Hongkong	4735

—United Press.

## Cotton Market Sluggish

New York, April 29.—The cotton futures market today remained a slow and professional affair, subject to small orders either way. Prices advanced over a range of US\$2 a bale.

The market opened 13 points higher to one lower, and then rallied 10 to 28 points, but new crop deliveries faded out again and the market closed relatively weak.

Prices closed as follows:

May (in cents per lb.)	32.00
July	32.25
October	32.50
December	32.75
March (1949)	33.00
May	33.25
July	33.50
October	33.75
December	34.00
March (1949)	34.25
May	34.50
July	34.75
October	35.00
December	35.25
March (1949)	35.50
May	35.75
July	36.00
October	36.25
December	36.50
March (1949)	36.75
May	37.00
July	37.25
October	37.50
December	37.75
March (1949)	38.00
May	38.25
July	38.50
October	38.75
December	39.00
March (1949)	39.25
May	39.50
July	39.75
October	40.00
December	40.25
March (1949)	40.50
May	40.75
July	41.00
October	41.25
December	41.50
March (1949)	41.75
May	42.00
July	42.25
October	42.50
December	42.75
March (1949)	43.00
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July	43.50
October	43.75
December	44.00
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July	44.75
October	45.00
December	45.25
March (1949)	45.50
May	45.75
July	46.00
October	46.25
December	46.50
March (1949)	46.75
May	47.00
July	47.25
October	47.50
December	47.75
March (1949)	48.00
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October	48.75
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March (1949)	68.00
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July	69.75
October	70.00
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March (1949)	71.75
May	72.00
July	72.25
October	72.50
December	72.75
March (1949)	73.00
May	73.25
July	73.50
October	73.75
December	74.00
March (1949)	



# COMMONS TO DEBATE THE "NENNI" INCIDENT

London, Apr. 29.—The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Herbert Morrison, who has steadfastly refused to allow a Parliamentary inquiry into the "Nenni Incident," today agreed to an Opposition offer to give up one of its debating days for a debate.

The debate will be on the circumstances in which signatures to a goodwill telegram sent on the eve of the Italian elections to Signor Pietro Nenni's pro-Communist Socialists were obtained in view of the denial by some Members that they had signed their names to it.

## DUAL POST FOR MACDONALD

London, Apr. 29.—Mr Malcolm MacDonald, the Governor of Malaya, will take over the additional duties of Special Commissioner for South East Asia on May 1, the Colonial and Foreign Offices announced here tonight.

His new title will be "Commissioner General for the United Kingdom in South East Asia."

Mr MacDonald will be responsible as before for the co-ordination of administration and policy in relation to the Federation of Malaya, Singapore, North Borneo, Sarawak, and Brunei, and will now be responsible for the work before carried out by the Special Commissioner's organization.

In his relations with foreign territories, he will have the rank of Ambassador.

The United Kingdom Government recently announced that the two posts were to be amalgamated in the interests of economy.

The last Special Commissioner was Lord Killearn.—Reuter.

## Commonwealth Conference

London, Apr. 29.—Representatives of all Parliaments in the British Commonwealth will be invited to a conference in London in the autumn, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, announced today.

Mr Attlee was speaking at the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association, which decided that the month most likely to suit the Parliaments would be October.

At this first Parliamentary conference since the war, the United Kingdom hopes to welcome not only older Dominions but also the representatives of India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Representatives of newly affiliated branches of the Association, recently formed in legislatures with non-official majorities, will also be invited.

The conference will probably discuss foreign affairs and the United Nations, migration and the distribution of population, defence and communications, and the future of Parliamentary government.—Reuter.

## PRISONERS TO BE RETURNED

London, Apr. 29.—The Foreign Office reported today that Yugoslavia has agreed to return immediately two British prisoners held since a clash on Sunday in which a British Officer was killed.

A spokesman said the agreement will permit an early joint inquiry by Britain and Yugoslavia into the shooting.

One of the prisoners is the wife of Lt John Edmund Burke, the Officer killed. The other is Lt Philip Marler, who had accompanied the couple on a picnic to the Austrian-Yugoslavia border where the arrest and shooting took place.

Burke was killed when he tried to resist detention.—Associated Press.

## SCAP MISSION ON WAY HERE

Shanghai, Apr. 30.—SCAP's first foreign trade mission, consisting of two Americans and four Japanese, who arrived here from Tokyo yesterday afternoon en route to India and Pakistan, took off this morning for Hongkong.

The purpose of their mission is to survey possibilities for the resumption of trade between Japan and India.

Heading the group is Mr W. R. Eaton, Chief of the Cotton Branch of SCAP's Textile Division. He told local reporters that the mission was sent at the invitation of the Indian and Pakistan Governments.

Mr Eaton said that the mission would survey the possibilities of a resumption of Indian-Japanese trade, but declined to answer whether it was "empowered to conclude any deals."—Reuter.

## Tauber's Small Estate

London, Apr. 29.—Richard Tauber, the famous Austrian-born British singer, left only £2,400, it was disclosed today.

Mr Tauber died intestate.—United Press.

## Reuther In Hospital



Walter P. Reuther, United Auto Workers (CIO) president, lies in Detroit's Grace hospital where he was taken after a mysterious assailant fired a shotgun blast through a window of his home. He suffered severe chest and arm wounds.—AP Wirephoto.

## 2,300 Jap-Americans Have U.S. Citizenship Restored

San Francisco, Apr. 29.—The United States District Court today ordered American citizenship to be restored to 2,300 Japanese-Americans who were interned during the war and renounced their citizenship in 1946.

Judge Louis E. Goodman criticised the government for accepting the renunciations. He expressed doubt as to the constitutional authority for imprisoning these American citizens during the war years.

The court's decision climaxed years of litigation. The Japanese-Americans said they renounced their citizenship under duress from nationalistic Japanese interned with them at Tule Lake, California.

Judge Goodman said, "If a confession secured in a manner obnoxious to Congressional policy may not be used in a criminal case, it is equally true that a document releasing the priceless insignia of American citizenship should not be validated when executed in a like manner."

"It must be kept in mind that Tule was a centre purposed not for relocation, but for segregation of aliens who placed loyalty to Japan foremost, Americans of Japanese ancestry suspected of disloyalty, and others of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty to the US was not questioned."

Of the persons involved in today's decision, 254 previously were ordered deported as enemy aliens. Some of these were voluntarily released by the US government.

### NO AUTHORITY

Questioning the Constitutionality of wartime mass arrests of all persons of Nipponese descent on the Pacific coast Judge Goodman said:

"I have no doubt that there was a complete lack of constitutional authority for administrative, executive or military officers to detain and imprison American citizens not critically charged or subject to martial law."

"This court is not unmindful of the heavy responsibilities and burdens resting upon executives and military officials due to the war with Japan."

He said he was aware of the wartime "dangers particularly affecting the West coast of the United States, but even expediency cannot remove the taint of unfairness with which the renunciations subsequently were clothed."

The government was given 90 days in which to name any individual among the 2,300 against whom it may want to offer additional evidence.—Associated Press.

## Communists Threaten Tsingtao

Shanghai, Apr. 30.—Communist battle forces today were drawing near Tsingtao—headquarters of the United States Naval Forces in the West Pacific.

A United Press dispatch from Tsingtao said that the fighting was within 25 miles of the naval base, which is also the site of the Chinese Naval training base.

The dispatch said that a force of at least 3,000 Reds, including two regiments of the 14th Column reinforced by local Red militia, attacked Aushanwei, about 25 miles northwest of Tsingtao, on April 27. It said that after two days' fighting the Communists were driven into a mountain retreat where they were at present besieged by the Nationalists.

LANDEH ATTACKED

Fifty miles north of Tsingtao, the Communists were said to have attacked Landeh, while 10 miles nearer Tsingtao the Communist force was reported to be in movement near Lanchuen.

The Tsingtao area fighting is the closest at present the Reds have come to the US Naval base. However, Naval circles there did not comment on whether they considered Tsingtao itself in danger.

It was believed that the Americans are waiting for more definite information on the size of the Communist forces in the immediate area as well as to check with government military leaders on the situation before coming to any decision while taking precautionary measures.

The Tsingtao dispatch said that government units were engaging the Reds in the vicinity of Lanchuen.—United Press.

## BBC DISPUTE WITH UNION

London, Apr. 29.—A Union dispute with the British Broadcasting Corporation over pay rates will halt all dance music broadcasts from restaurants, hotels and dance halls after Friday night falling a last minute settlement.

Beginning on Saturday, the only dance music that listeners will hear will be played by bands broadcasting direct from the studio.

The Musicians' Union is demanding that the BBC raise the outside broadcasting fee from 12/6d a man to the £2-10 studio rate.

They turned down a BBC offer of 25 shillings.—Associated Press.

## Procession Banned

London, Apr. 29.—A procession through the streets of London's East End, planned for Saturday by the Union Movement led by Sir Oswald Mosley, formerly head of the British Union of Fascists, has been banned by the Government.

Sir Oswald Mosley will, however, be allowed to speak at a meeting of the Movement.

Mr James Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, stated in Parliament today that from midnight tonight all public political processions of whatever party would be banned for three months in that particular area.—Reuter.

## Indonesia Situation "Alarming"

### Security Council Meeting Urged

Lake Success, Apr. 29.—Dr Tjao Suk Ien, of Indonesia, called today for an immediate session of the Security Council to consider "the alarming situation" in Indonesia.

He alleged that the Dutch were violating the terms of the cease fire agreement reached in January through the mediation of the Security Council's "good offices" committee.

Dr Tjao told reporters that information from Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, showed that the Dutch Governor in Eastern Java had imposed various restrictions on the plebiscite movement, including a ban on the assembly of more than six persons in Malang.

"Without elementary political rights for the inhabitants, the forthcoming plebiscite can never be held in a fair manner," Dr Tjao added.

Dr Tjao, a member of the Indonesian delegation to the United Nations, said he has also written to Mr George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, asking his help in "assisting the 70,000,000 Indonesian people in receiving goods and services from the outside world."

Because of the Dutch blockade, he said, no exports or imports of the necessities of life were possible.—Reuter.

### RELATIONS STRAINED

Batavia, Apr. 29.—Relations between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans, seeking a settlement in the Dutch East Indies, were reported to be "strained" today after the publication of a Republican bulletin on the plebiscite talks.

The bulletin alleged that the Dutch had admitted their attitude towards the plebiscite was not based on the agreement signed last January on board the United States transport Renville in Batavia Harbour.

These allegations were described as a "complete falsehood" by a Dutch spokesman in a statement released in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital.

(Dutch and Indonesian negotiators met in Jogjakarta last Sunday after their talks, sponsored by the Security Council's good offices committee, had been held up over a railway station incident in which the Dutch envoys were reported to have been manhandled at Jogjakarta railway station.)—Reuter.

## Finding A Berth For Battleship

Canberra, Apr. 29.—A plan for deepening the channel at Port Melbourne, so that the 42,500-ton battleship Vanguard can berth there during the Royal visit next spring, is being submitted to the Naval Board of the Victorian Government.

This was stated tonight after State and Commonwealth officials had discussed details of the tour and also the inability of Brisbane and Port Adelaide to berth the Vanguard.

The Commonwealth Government today informed the States it was considering striking a Commonwealth medal, printing a booklet for distribution to schoolchildren and issuing special coins and stamps.—Reuter.

### Bombing Raid Off

London, Apr. 29.—Unfavourable weather caused the postponement of an attack by 40 heavy bombers planned for tonight on the North Sea island of Heligoland, part of a training exercise over Holland, Germany and Britain.—Reuter.

### NOTICE

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on THURSDAY, 6th MAY, 1948, at 4.30 p.m. in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council.

Notice in writing of the names of Candidates and their Proposors and Secondors to be lodged with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order,  
J. B. KITE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong,  
30th April, 1948.

### DEATH

STEPHENS.—Trevor George Stephens, aged 6 months, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stephens, at Kowloon Hospital on 30th April, 1948.

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## Vice-President Li Thanks The People

Nanking, Apr. 30.—General Li Tsung-jen, China's first constitutional Vice-President, in a message to the people of China last night said:

"I was elected China's first constitutional Vice-President by the enthusiastic support of the people and the unshaken confidence of the delegates in me."

"I am very grateful to them."

General Li attributed his success to the following two reasons: (1) The inspiration given by President Chiang Kai-shek; (2) The people's appreciation of the meaning of constitutional government.

"I shall try and carry my platform into effect and assist the President of the Republic to carry through the political and economic reforms necessary. I regret that the other candidates, who have done a great deal in the present march to-

wards democracy, were not elected, but I feel sure that they will continue to give their wholehearted support to the great task of suppressing the Communist rebellion and the rehabilitation of our great country."

"I feel confident that their efforts will be no less than mine."

Dr Sun, Fo sent a message of congratulations to General Li last evening following the latter's success.

The message said: "The election result showed that you, with popular support, have won the honour of being elected. You will be able to assist the Chief Executive and put into execution your great plans. I tender my congratulations."—Reuter.